TRANSMITTAL LETTER NOV 1 3 2003 (General - Patent Pending) Bayard S. Webb et al. Serial No. Filing Dai Examiner October 12, 200 09/689,510 Unknown Title: GAMING DEVICE HAVING AN AWARD EXCHANGE BONUS ROUND AND METHOD FOR REVEALING AWARD EXCHANGE POSSIBILITIES 4 TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE: Transmitted herewith is: Transmittal Letter (General - Patent Pending) (1 page); Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages); and Postcard which we ask you to date stamp and return. RECEIVED NOV 1 8 2003 in the above identified application. TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700 No additional fee is required. XA check in the amount of is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2003. No fees are due with this Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit for any overpayment.

In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, which requires applicants to elect one of the following:

- Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 to 10, 12, 13 and 38 drawn to a gaming system wherein Ι. award values are disclosed prior to generating a final outcome, classified in class 463, subclass 20.
- Claims 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 12 to 24 to 37, drawn to a gaming device II. incorporating a mechanical door for generating a visual display to reveal outcomes, classified in class 463, subclass 30.

Applicants hereby make the following elections without traverse:

Applicants hereby elect Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 to 10, 12, 13 and 38 without traverse, for examination on the merits.